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SUBJECT: SADAT PRESIDES OVER HIGHER COUNCIL ON USES OF  
NUCLEAR ENERGY--NUCLEAR POWER AND QATTARA DEPRESSION HIGHLIGHTED

1. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN PRESS, PRESIDENT SADAT MET WITH HIGHER  
COUNCIL ON USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD  
SEPTEMBER 17. ALL PAPERS FRONT-PAGED PICTURES OF MEETING AND  
REPORTED FOLLOWING FOUR DECISIONS TAKEN DURING 4-HOUR MEETING--

1. SCHEME TO BUILD THE FIRST NUCLEAR STATION TO GENERATE POWER  
AND TO DESALINATE SEA WATER ON THE NORTHWESTERN COAST WITH  
THE AIM OF DEVELOPING AGRICULTURE IN THE AREA.

2. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR CONDUCTING A STUDY ON THE  
QATTARA DEPRESSION SCHEME INCLUDING USE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN  
DIGGING WATER CANAL BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN AND QATTARA DEPRESSION.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT WORKING COMMITTEE OF DEPUTY  
PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, ISMAIL FAHMY, MINISTER OF POWER  
AHMED SULTAN, AND ABDUL MAABOUD EL GEBEILY, MINISTER OF  
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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ATOMIC ENERGY, TO PREPARE STUDIES

REQUESTED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ATOMIC ENERGY.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DR. GEBEILY AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

2. COMMENT. DECISIONS TAKEN REGARDING NUCLEAR POWER STATION  
REPRESENT NO NEW INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH SADAT IS NOW PUBLICLY  
IDENTIFIED WITH NUCLEAR GENERATION AND DESALINATION PROJECT.  
QATTARA DEPRESSION RECEIVES ONCE AGAIN HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION AND  
IT SERVES AS A CONTINUING REMINDER OF IMPORTANCE SADAT REGIME  
ATTACHES TO IT.

3. FYI. CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 19 CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER AND GERMAN FIRM HAVE INITIALLED  
AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH FIELD STUDIES ON QATTARA DEPRESSION WILL  
BE CONDUCTED. MINISTER SULTAN, ACCORDING TO PRESS, EXPECTED  
TO SIGN AGREEMENT BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER WITH STUDIES TO BEGIN  
THE FIRST OF OCTOBER. CONSTRUCTION OF POWER STATION AT DEPRESSION  
WILL START IN 1977 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1984. PROJECT WILL CONSIST  
OF FOUR STAGES ALL OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY YEAR 2005.  
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION WILL BE FIVE TIMES THAT OF ASWAN HIGH  
DAM, 4000 MEGAWATTS.  
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